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Letter dated 10 December 1992 from the Permanent Representative to Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the statement of the Presidium of the Verkhovna Rada (Parliament) of Ukraine adopted on 9 December 1992 in connection with the adoption by the Seventh Congress of People's Deputies of the Russian Federation of a decision whereby it assigned the Supreme Soviet of the Russian Federation to take up the issue of the status of the city of Sevastopol (see annex).

I would be grateful if you have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 69, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

Statement adopted on 9 December 1992 by the Presidium of the Verkhovna Rada (Parliament) of Ukraine

On 5 December 1992, the Seventh Congress of People's Deputies of the Russian Federation adopted a decision whereby it assigned the Supreme Soviet of the Russian Federation to consider the issue of the status of the city of Sevastopol.

This decision cannot be considered anything but yet another flagrant attempt to put forward territorial claims upon Ukraine, and as a brazen violation by the Russian Federation of the spirit and letter of the Treaty between Ukraine and the Russian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic of 19 November 1990 and the principles of the Agreement on the Establishment of the Commonwealth of Independent States of 8 December 1991, in which it is stated that Ukraine and the Russian Federation recognize and respect each other's territorial integrity and the non-violability of the existing borders.

The decision in question is a glaring interference into Ukraine's internal affairs directed against the traditional relations of friendship, mutual respect, good neighbourly relations between the Ukrainian and Russian peoples, against the development of the inter-State relations between Ukraine and Russia on the principles of equal cooperation and partnership.

In this connection, the Presidium of the Verkhovna Rada (Parliament) of Ukraine states that any encroachments on the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Ukraine will be considered in Ukraine as a blatant violation of the existing status quo in Europe, the Charter of the United Nations, the principles of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe and other generally recognized principles and norms of international law. The Presidium of the Verkhovna Rada (Parliament) of Ukraine resolutely rejects the attempts to create artificially one more problem in the inter-State relations between the two countries. The city of Sevastopol is an integral part of Ukraine and its status can be determined only by Ukraine and by no other country than Ukraine.